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Mr. MCCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 4772]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 4772) for the relief of Patricia Ann Harris, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to waive the racial barrier to admission into the United States for a minor half-Japanese child, who has been adopted by citizens of the United States. The child would be considered to be a nonquota immigrant, which is the status normally enjoyed by the alien minor children of United States citizens.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill was born in Japan about 3 years ago of a Japanese mother and a father who is believed to have been a member of the occupation forces. The child has been adopted by Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Crystal C. Harris, who are citizens of the United States.

Congressman William H. Harrison, the author of the bill, submitted to the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives the following information in connection with the bill:

WING LEGAL OFFICE,
THREE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOURTH TROOP CARRIER WING (H),
APO 704, June 27, 1951.

Hon. WILLIAM H. HARRISON,
United States Representative, State of Wyoming, at large,
House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR: As the wing legal officer at Tachikawa Air Base, I have been requested to advise Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Crystal C. Harris, of Cody, Wyo., in connection with their adoption of a Japanese child. After consulting with them at length and guiding their case through the Japanese court, I am taking the liberty of seeking your assistance in the furtherance of this matter.

The background of the adoption is this: The Japanese mother of the child in question works here at Tachikawa Air Base as a domestic servant. Approximately 2 years ago a member of the occupation forces fathered a baby girl by this Japanese mother. The Japanese mother, in her capacity as a domestic servant, realized the desire on the part of Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Harris to adopt a child and seized that wonderful opportunity to provide her daughter with a home and family that she had been unable to provide for the child herself. With the consent of the mother, then, and in absence of any objection by the natural father, whose whereabouts are unknown, the Harris' have taken this child into their home. Since this little girl is considered to have at least 50 percent Japanese blood, it is my understanding that she is ineligible for entry into the United States under existing immigration laws.

On behalf of the Harris' I filed a petition in the Hachioji Branch of the Tokyo Domestic Relations Court requesting adoption of this child, Patricia Ann Harris (Sanae Ishizaka). After the court had heard the testimony of the natural mother of the child, the petition of adoption was granted. Copies of the petition and of the decree in both Japanese and English are enclosed herewith and identified. There is enclosed, also, a letter from the wing chaplain of this base, and many letters of recommendation from persons who have known the Harris' both in Japan and in the United States. I have had both Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Harris execute personal history statements in the form of affidavits, setting forth pertinent and illuminating information about their respective backgrounds.

The original petition in Japanese recites the consent of the natural mother to the proceedings in adoption, and the record of the case on file with the court indicates that the only contractual agreement between the mother and the foster parents was to the effect that they promised to pursue the proceedings in adoption and to educate and support the child as their own. The report of adoption has been made a matter of record by being filed with the Japanese Government. Enclosed, also, is a copy of the child's census register indicating here status, in company with certain other papers presented to the court. Needless to say, both personally and officially, I heartily endorse the prospective immigration, naturalization, and adoption of this child.

Therefore, I am addressing this letter to you to request that you draft and present to the Congress a private bill on behalf of Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Crystal C. Harris, which legislation would permit the entry of this child into the United States for the purpose of adoption by this couple. The Honorable Tom Pickett, of the Seventh District of Texas, at my request, drafted similar legislation on behalf of Staff Sgt. and Mrs. E. H. Shelton. This bill became H. R. 1264, presented to the Eighty-second Congress, first session, on January 9, 1951. Mr. Pickett advised me that on March 6, 1951, this bill passed the House and was sent to the Senate. On May 14, 1951, this bill was signed by the President, becoming Private Law 43 of the Eighty-second Congress, chapter 72, first session. The success of this bill, which was the first in a series of private legislation requested by foster parents on this base, was a source of great satisfaction to all of us here n Japan. Similar legislation is now being processed by the Honorable Mike Mansfield, of the First District of Montana; by the Honorable Bob Sikes, of the Third District of Florida; by the Honorable Charles B. Hoeven, of the Eighth District of Iowa; and by the Honorable Hamer H. Budge, of the Second District of Idaho, for the relief of the adopted children of other couples on this base.

I am, at this time, addressing letters similar to this one, to the Honorable Antonio M. Fernandez, Representative at large from the State of New Mexico on behalf of Tech. Sgt. and Mrs. John W. Hammers, and to the Honorable J. Percy Priest, of the Sixth District of Tennessee, on behalf of First Lt. and Mrs. James E. Eddings, Jr. Since the cases for the Hammers and the Eddings should also be in their initial stages, you may desire to confer with Mr. Fernandez and Mr. Priest on the potentialities and progress of these private bills.

Your help in this matter will be greatly appreciated. In the event that you find that other supporting information might be needed, or know of any further assistance that I might render in the support of the passage of this bill, kindly advise me accordingly. I am sure that you realize the need for haste in that an evacuation of dependents or the rotation of the adopting parents before passage of this bill would result in this child's being left behind.

Anticipating that you will be so kind as to consent to act on behalf of this couple, permit me to thank you in advance for your courtesy in this instance.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

GEORGE J. GOLDSBOROUGH, Jr.,
First Lieutenant, USAF, Wing Legal Officer.

PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT OF STAFF SGT. CRYSTAL C. HARRIS

I, Crystal C. Harris, was born in Gracemont, Okla., September 10, 1923. I was the third boy and the fifth child of a family of nine children, and of farmer parents. I lived and worked on the farm until I was 14 years old; finishing grade school in Gracemont Elementary School and a small country school called Pleasant Hill, a few miles northeast of Gracemont. My parents separated in 1930, neither having remarried. I left Oklahoma to live with my eldest brother in 1938; worked at various odd jobs, ranches, railroad, CCC and others until joining the Army in August of 1942. I was discharged from the Army in November 1945 with 30 months of foreign service. I worked as an automobile mechanic until joining the Air Force in 1946; having continuous service since—a total of 8 years June 14, 1951.

Two of my sisters died within 6 weeks of birth; one brother died in 1943 at the age of 24. The eldest brother is married; has four children; lives in Cody, Wyo.; works for the Bureau of Reclamation. My four sisters living are married and each has a family ranging from two to four children.

I met my wife while visiting my brother in Cody, Wyo., in May of 1949. We were married in Boise, Idaho, December 1, 1949.

Other than personal belongings I have only my pay and allowances and I feel it sufficient to support a family of three, give the girl a good education, and still save a little; my intentions being to stay in the service as a career.

CRYSTAL C. HARRIS,
Staff Sergeant, USAF.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of June 1951.

GEORGE J. GOLDSBOROUGH, Jr.,
First Lieutenant, USAF.

PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT OF BETTY DARLENE HARRIS

I, Betty Darlene Harris, was born in Kansas City, Mo., on March 13, 1931. I was adopted when I was 6 weeks old. My foster parents names are Homer C. Dragoo and Angnes S. Dragoo. They are now residing in Denver, Colo.

I have a brother 26 years old, married and has two children. He was, also, adopted and is now serving in the Navy.

I lived in Maryville, Mo., until I was 2 years old. Then we moved to Denver, Colo. I lived in Denver for 15 years. I went to Ashland grade school. I then went to Skinner Junior High. Then I went to North High School. I was lacking 6 months of school before I graduated when I quit.

My parents separated when I was 16 years old. They are getting a divorce at this time. I lived with my father until I quit school. Then I went to live with my mother for a year and one-half in Cody, Wyo.

It was in May of 1949 that I met my husband, Crystal C. Harris. We married December 1, 1949, in Boise, Idaho. We were separated when he was shipped to Hamilton Field to process to come to Japan. He left for Japan January 10, 1950, and I joined him May 2, 1950.

BETTY DARLENE HARRIS.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of June 1951.

GEORGE J. GOLDSBOROUGH, Jr.,
First Lieutenant, USAF.

PETITION OF APPLICATION FOR ADOPTION

To: Hachioji branch of Tokyo Domestic Relations Court.
Name of petitioner: Crystal C. Harris, staff sergeant, USAF.
Permanent address: Route 1, Cody Wyo.
Present address: Quarters 405–C, Tachikawa Air Base.
Name of petitioner: Betty Darlene Harris.
Permanent address: Route 1, Cody, Wyo.
Present address: Quarters 405–C, Tackikawa Air Base.
Person in question: Sanae Ishizaka (Patricia Ann Harris).
Permanent address: No. 927, Aikawago, Futami-mura, Nishihiku-gun, Nagaskai Prefecture, Japan.
Present address: Quarters 405–C, Tachikawa Air Base.

OBJECT OF PETITION

It is petitioned by the undersigned petitioners, Crystal C. Harris and Betty Darlene Harris, that the judgment of the court be given regarding the permission of the subjected petition which the said petitioners should be legally authorized to adopt Sanae Ishizaka (Patricia Ann Harris), the person in question, who is under full legal age.

REASON FOR ADOPTION

To make this child a member of this family to be raised as their natural daughter. To secure her return to the United States to be raised with good religious training and proper education. This adoption is agreed to by the natural mother of the child, who concurs that the future happiness of this child will be greatly benefited by this adoption.

Attached documents:

Copy of marriage license of the petitioners.
Copy of census register of the person in question.
Certificate of real mother.
Copy of contract between the petitioners and the real mother.

CRYSTAL C. HARRIS,
Staff Sergeant, USAF.
BETTY DARLENE HARRIS.

DECREE

MAY 18, 1951.

Name of petitioner: Crystal C. Harris.
Home address: Route 1, Cody, Wyo., the United States of America.
Present address: Quarters 405–C, Tachikawa Air Base, Tachikawa City, Tokyo-to.
Name of petitioner: Betty Darlene Harris.
Home address: Route 1, Cody, Wyo., the United States of America.
Present address: Quarters 405–C, Tachikawa Air Base, Tachikawa City, Tokyo-to.
Person in question: Sanae Ishizaka.
Permanent address: No. 927, Aikawago, Futami-mura, Nishihiku-gun, Nagasaki Prefecture.
Present address: Quarters 405–C, Tachikawa Air Base, Tachikawa City, Tokyo-to.

Concerning the case of adoption between the above parties, No. 1669, in 1951, I, the undersigned, having considered the petition of petitioners as proper one, do hereby give a decision on the said case as follows:

DECISION

It is permitted that the petitioners adopt the child in question.

TAKESHI HASEGAWA,
Judge of Domestic Relations Court,
Hachioji Branch of Tokyo Domestic Relations Court.

I, Namiko Nakano, court clerk, do hereby certify that the above is a full and complete copy of the original decree.

[SEAL] NAMIKO NAKANO, *Court Clerk.*

I, Kenjiro Kurosaki, do hereby affirm that the above is a true and exact translation of the attached copy of decree given to me by Namiko Nakano, to the best of my knowledge and ability.

KENJIRO KUROSAKI,
Interpreter, Wing Legal Office.

REPORT OF ADOPTION

To: Mayor of Futami-Mura, Nishihiki-gun, Nagasaki Prefecture.

We, the undersigned, do hereby submit a report of adoption as follows:

Name of foster father: Crystal C. Harris.

Permanent address: Route 1, Cody, Wyo., United States of America.

Present address: Quarters 405–C, Tachikawa Air Base, Tachikawa City, Tokyo-to.

Name of foster mother: Betty Darlene Harris.

Permanent address: Route 1, Cody, Wyo., United States of America.

Present address: Quarters 405–C, Tachikawa Air Base, Tachikawa City, Tokyo-to.

Name of adopted child: Sanae Ishizaka.

Permanent address: No. 927, Aikawago, Futami-mura, Nishihiku-gun. Nagasaki Prefecture.

As a result of this adoption, the said adopted child shall be entered into the census register of Crystal C. Harris domiciled permanently at Route 1, Cody, Wyo., the United States of America.

CRYSTAL C. HARRIS, *Foster Father.*
BETTY DARLENE HARRIS, *Foster Mother.*
HARUKO ISHIZAKA, *Real Mother.*

(As Sanae, the said adopted child, being under full legal age, Haruko, her real mother, acts for her.)

Witnesses:

JOHN W. HAMMERS,
Route 1, Box 18, Los Lunas, N. Mex.
FRANCES REGINA HAMMERS,
Route 1, Box 18, Los Lunas, N. Mex.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (H. R. 4772) should be enacted.

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